

Mark Twain Cabin (Gillis Cabin)
Jackass Hill
Tuolumne County
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STATE California	COUNTY Tuolumne	TOWN OR VICINITY Jackass Hill
HISTORIC NAME OF STRUCTURE (INCLUDE SOURCE FOR NAME) Mark Twain Cabin		HABS NO. CA-1296
SECONDARY OR COMMON NAMES OF STRUCTURE Gillis Cabin		
COMPLETE ADDRESS (DESCRIBE LOCATION FOR RURAL SITES)		
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE SOURCE) 1860's	ARCHITECT(S) (INCLUDE SOURCE) William and James Gillis	
SIGNIFICANCE (ARCHITECTURAL AND HISTORICAL, INCLUDE ORIGINAL USE OF STRUCTURE) Cabin used by Mark Twain (1864-1866) while writing <u>The Celestial Jumping Frog of Calaveras County</u> .		
STYLE (IF APPROPRIATE)		
MATERIAL OF CONSTRUCTION (INCLUDE STRUCTURAL SYSTEMS) Log		
SHAPE AND DIMENSIONS OF STRUCTURE (SKETCHED FLOOR PLANS ON SEPARATE PAGES ARE ACCEPTABLE) Square, one story		
EXTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE Gable roof, massive stone chimney, one plain door		
INTERIOR FEATURES OF NOTE (DESCRIBE FLOOR PLANS, IF NOT SKETCHED)		
MAJOR ALTERATIONS AND ADDITIONS WITH DATES The original cabin was destroyed by fire. Another cabin was built around the remaining stone chimney before 1923. The second cabin is not an exact replica of the original,		
PRESENT CONDITION AND USE		
OTHER INFORMATION AS APPROPRIATE		
SOURCES OF INFORMATION (INCLUDING LISTING ON NATIONAL REGISTER, STATE REGISTERS, ETC.) <u>Historic Spots in California</u> , William N. Abeloe, ed., Stanford: Stanford University Press, 1966.		
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